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By the King.

A Proclamation commanding the repair of all Noblemen, Knights, Gentlemen, and others, unto their Houſes and Lands in the Northern parts, by the firſt day of March next, and there to abide for the ſervice and ſafegard of their Countrey.

THe Kings moſt excellent Majeſtie underſtanding that divers of the **Nobility, Gentry, and others of the Northern parts, who have houſes and lands there, are now abiding in and about** London, **and in other Southern parts of this Kingdom; And holding it neceſſary, that (according to the Laws & Cuſtoms of the Realm, and conſtant practiſe of all former ages in times of danger) they ſhould at this preſent be required to repair to, and reſide upon their Lands in thoſe parts; Is pleaſed (out of His Princely care to provide for the ſafety of His Kingdom and people) to declare His Royall pleaſure herein: And therefore His Majeſtie (with the advice of His Priby Councell) doth hereby ſtraitly charge and command, That all Lords, Spirituall and Temporall, Knights, Gentlemen, and others whatſoever, who have Houſes and Lands in the Counties of** Yorke, Lancaſter, Cheſter, Stafford, Leiceſter, Darby, Rutland, Lincoln, Nottingham, Northumberland, Cumberland, Weſtmerland, **and Biſhoprick of** Dureſme, **or in the Counties and Towns of** Kingſton upon Hull, **and** New-Caſtle upon Tyne, **or any of them (except ſuch of the Nobility as ſhall attend His Majeſties Perſon in obedience to His Letters, and ſuch Officers, and others, who are likewiſe to attend His Majeſties Perſon and other ſpeciall ſervices) Do forthwith and without delay, with their Families and Retinue, repair to their ſeverall Houſes and Lands there, ſo as they fail not to be there reſident and abiding in their perſons, with their ſaid Families and Retinue, well arrayed and furniſhed with good and ſufficient Arms, according to their ſeverall degrees and qualities, for the defence and ſafegard of thoſe parts, by or before the firſt day of March now next coming at the furtheſt, and there during His Majeſties pleaſure ſo to continue, to attend the ſervice and defence of their Countrey, upon pain of His Majeſties moſt heavy indignation and diſpleaſure, and of ſuch further cenſure and puniſhment as may be by the Laws and Statutes of the Realm inflicted upon them for their diſobedience and contempt or neglect of this His Royall Commandment, wherein the publike is concerned: whereof as His Majeſtie intendeth to take a ſtrict and ſevere accompt, ſo he doth hereby require and command as well the Lords and others of His Priby Councell, as all other His Officers and Miniſters whom it ſhall any way concern, to take order that all ſuch as ſhall offend, may receive condigne puniſhment without toleration or connivence.**

Given at the Court at Whitehall the nine and twentieth day of January, in the fourteenth yeer of His Majeſties Reign.

God ſave the King.

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